

SENATORS AWAIT GUIDING HAND

Loftus' Arrival Will Inaugurate Staff Training.

ORIOLES OFF FOR THE SOUTH

Boston Americans Confident of Winning Pennant—Manager McGraw Will Remain in the Game—General Baseball News.

There is practically nothing new in the local baseball situation. Everything is as it was in the air until the arrival of Manager Loftus, who will reach here some time on Wednesday. Carey is the only man who has reported so far, but several more of the bunch are expected early this week.

April 1 will inaugurate the hard work of the season. Loftus will be here and the members of the team will have also reported. Then there will be strenuous times in the vicinity of Fourteenth and H Streets northeast. The Senators will be handicapped by nearly two weeks, in comparison with the other American League teams, and it will require some fast work to make up this time.

Rival Teams Hothead.

When the train bearing the Boston Nationals reached the Pennsylvania station Saturday, the first person through gates was suddenly grabbed by a young fellow, and as each man passed through he received an equally warm greeting. For several days Gene DeMontreville has been counting the hours before his team would arrive and he was at the station to welcome them.

"When the first indications of spring are their appearance," remarked Gene, "begin to have a feeling that can only be overcome by donning a uniform and making a few stunts with the horseshoe. I have already had a week of hard work on the diamond, and when the team again training next Monday I will be able to my share of the work without that feeling the day after."

The two teams spent several hours in wandering around the city, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. There was a great deal of good-natured ribbing between the members of the rival organizations, and if all predictions come true, there will not be either an American or National League by the Fourth of July.

Collins Claims Pennant.

"Jimmy" Collins is, to say the least, extremely optimistic regarding the fate of the American aggregation. He has visions of bright, sunny days, fast ball, large gate receipts, and at the end of all a large pink and yellow pennant, streaming proudly over the Bennington dome, up Boston way. It is a pleasant occupation, this building of air castles, and if the pennant cannot fly from the local grandstand, there is no one in Washington fans would rather see get it than Jimmy Collins.

Manager McGraw is not quite so confident of securing the coveted banner in his league. The Boston Nationals have the appearance of a Kansas team after a social call by a cyclone. They have had things done to them during the fall and winter that makes the bunch look like thirty cents, and there appears to be no relief in sight. However, they are determined to see what training can do, and the bunch will be hard worked for the next month.

Orioles Flit Southward.

The steamer Hudson, which cleared for Savannah Saturday night from Baltimore, carried Manager McGraw and his flock of Orioles to the Sunny South. With one or two exceptions the entire Baltimore aggregation has been ordered to leave, and those who do not report will join the team at Savannah.

In regard to the reported retirement of Manager McGraw, the "Times" has the following to say Saturday night: "Manager McGraw reached this city from Hot Springs yesterday evening, and appears to be in the best of form. His health was improved greatly by his trip to the famous resort, and if his knee is weak, as has been reported, he gives no indication of it. He is well, and it is expected no serious trouble from it, and if he is careful in sudden turns it is probable that any lingering weakness will soon disappear."

The Oriole party was as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Mahon, Mr. and Mrs. McGraw, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, and their son Harry, Colonel McGraw, Mr. and Mrs. Foreman, Seymour, Dunn, Hughes, Williams, Selbach, Gilbert, Brennan, and Edward Mackell, the colored rubber.

Captain Arrives Today.

The report is in circulation that Delahanty will arrive in Washington this morning. Although the Senators are not ordered to report here until the last day of the month, the majority are expected to drop in most any time.

Word has been received from Coughlin and Lee that they will reach Washington the latter part of next week. Manning brings word that Lee is in excellent shape and will not require much time to get his swirling apparatus into form.

Diamond Dust.

Frank DeHaas Robinson says that the National League needs a president—"one with plenty of backbone." The only strange thing about this statement is that it comes so late in the game. Several thousand fans could have told Mr. Robinson the same thing two years ago.

A strong pro-National man sums up the situation as follows: "Pittsburgh has the same strong team it had last year; Boston is little, if any, weaker; the Chicago cubs cannot be much worse off than they are, and the 'Phillies' are hard hit."

A rosy outlook, certainly.

It is a nasty, mean trick to call the New York aggregation "the Collegians." Anybody would be better off "the Collieries."

John T. Brush says that Cincinnati surely will have a "baseball team" in the field this year. We are extremely pleased to have John T. name it. One would never think it was a ball team to look at it.

After trying vainly for over six months to induce the dream of the American League players to "quit" their contracts for this year, the National magnates are beginning to throw mud at their deserting players.

Work has been commenced on the Chicago American League grandstand. The structure is to be greatly enlarged and new bleacher seats are to be added. From this it seems that Comiskey is pretty sure which way the patronage is going this year.

There seems to be a slight discrepancy in the stories regarding "Dummy" Taylor. It what is claimed be true, "Dummy" is a most proficient exponent of the double somersault act.

And now the New York papers are going after Jim McGuire. Between the Andy

BASE HITS AND MUFFS.

The Baltimore team will play no exhibition games at home.

Rockley, the Indian half player, has asked for a position on the Lowell team.

Dunn denies the report that he has been signed by the New York baseball club.

A denial comes from the Windy City of the report that Empire Jack Sheridan has signed an American League contract.

Jose Burket says he declined a two-year contract of \$12,000 to look after the New York team.

Clyde Robinson, of the Athletics, has made a great hit by his aggressiveness and quickness.

Outfielder Jones has jumped his Milwaukee American Association contract to play with Denver in the Western League.

John T. Brush has decided to remain at the head of the Cincinnati club for at least another year.

Milwaukee has signed Billy Hallman, a nephew of the Philadelphia infielder. The Junior Hallman is an outfielder.

Henry Reitz, the ex-Oriole second baseman, has jumped up in Spokane, where he will cavort around the second sack.

John T. Brush is trying hard to land Freddie Parent, Jimmy Collins' clever shortstop. A \$1,000 contract has been offered to him.

Ray, Debus, and Crawford will do out-post duty for Cincinnati this season. They make a fast trio on paper and compare favorably with other National League outfielders.

Comiskey has decided to hold on to McFarland, who played left field for the White Sox last year. He will take care of the bench and water cooler while the rest of the team is in the field.

The release of Hay has not several managers scrambling to obtain his signature to a contract. He is still free and is evidently waiting until all the bids are in, and will then make his selection.

Red Hanlon will be a serious loss by the desertion of McGuire to the Detroit American League Club. Mac is one of the best backstops that ever worked at the receiving end of a battery.

The Toronto baseball club is going to charge ten cents admission to their practice games this spring, and give the proceeds to the Hospital for Sick Children.

John T. Brush declares that he is going to accompany his Reds around the circuit this year, and that he will be a keen eye on the players than ever before.

There seems to be a possibility of Fred Parent, the clever shortstop of last season's Boston American League team, accepting the invitation of Manager McPherson of Cincinnati, to report on April 1.

Manager Loftus has made a strong effort to secure Hoy's services for the Washington team, but up to date Hoy has refused to agree to terms. The Boston and St. Louis clubs, of the American League, are also reported to be seeking his services.

Jimmy St. Vrain, one of the Rembrandts of the club, is being sought by the Mexican, Mo. Though playing ball on the Coast in recent years, St. Vrain is a Missourian by birth, and his family has resided in Mexico for many years.

Among his trinkets, Armour, of the Cleveland American League club, can now number five six-footers. Moore is exactly six feet; Lundborn is six feet six inches; Jones, six feet seven inches; and the Boston six foot two inches, and Weight, six feet three inches.

The Boston American League Club has signed Charles A. Clancy, of Western, Mo., a young pitcher who is supposed to be of rare promise. He is making his bow in professional circles, but reported to have more than an even chance to "make good" in many years.

It is said a schedule for the National League clubs has been arranged by Nick Young, and is now in the hands of the directors of the league. As far as possible the dates have been arranged so as not to conflict with the college baseball schedule, the season to begin on April 15.

Manager Fogel, of the New York Giants, has signed Jack Dunn, McGraw's utility infielder, to play shortstop on the Polo Grounds. Anderson, who was originally slated for the position, has a good record, but Fogel was unwilling to take chances with a youngster when an experienced man could be secured for the position. The salary is said to be the purchase price. This is the first instance of a club in one league doing business with another.

Hanton's name has been suggested as a compromise candidate for president of the National League. He has the experience, undoubtedly possesses executive ability, would hold the confidence of the players and public, and would not permit the interests of the league to suffer for lack of personal attention.

President Dreyfus will not attend any meeting called by the National League magnates unless the call is signed by every one of the eight clubs. If the meeting is to be called, he suggests that it be held at the home of the president, where he is going South with the players, and does not desire to come North again. He will not take part in any meeting whereby he can be considered that the President of the league has gained the ascendancy.

A French team of fencers defeated an Italian team at London last Wednesday.

The Yale golf team has won the intercollegiate championship for two seasons, having lost only one game in that time to college clubs.

Tyler B. Kennedy, the owner of the yacht Sybaris, has challenged Kenneth M. Clark, the owner of the cutter Karlad, to a stormy weather race from New York to Cape Cod, on which he will make a Bahama cruise.

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Frank J. Gould's Helena will be the first overboard of the fleet of steam yachts now approaching completion at Morris Heights. It is expected that she will be launched April 15.

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RACES AT BENNING TO START TOMORROW

Arrangements Complete for Successful Dashes Over the Turf.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE

Large String of Horses at the Track Assuring Splendid Fields for Various Sports—New Arrivals—Difference of Opinion Over Raise in Prices.

Delightful weather and the prospect of seeing the horses work for future events to be run off at the coming spring meeting attracted large crowds to the Benning track yesterday. More enjoyable days could not have been selected, and those who made the trip were amply repaid, as many fast trials were shown. Every stable on the grounds was represented, and while no phenomenal time was made, it was fast enough to convince anyone that the horses at Benning are not near so backward as trainers would have you believe. There are so many good horses at Benning that it is hard to select a class and class that large fields are assured.

With a continuance of the weather there is not a particle of doubt about the success of the meeting, as it promises to be the greatest in years. The Jockey Club has spared no expense to make its racing plant the equal of any in the country, and visitors to Benning will find the best-equipped track south of New York.

Everything down to the minutest detail is in readiness. The grounds and surroundings are looking very pretty, the track is in splendid condition, and transportation to and from the track is very good.

There will be six races daily, the first race starting promptly at 3 o'clock.

The action of the Washington Jockey Club in raising the price of admission to \$1.50 and creating a 50-cent field is widely commented on, and has in no small measure disturbed the members of the Metropolitan Turf Association.

There are many arguments for and against the 50-cent field, but it is only in the nature of an experiment. If it fails to attract a large crowd, which it is intended, it will be abolished.

The prime object desired is to relieve the congestion in the betting ring, and make it possible for heavy investors to place their money without the difficulty hitherto experienced when the ring is crowded. Nobody will gainsay that the "pick" is the most important thing in the game, and it is also a fact that it is the small players who crowd around the bookmakers, and stand there watching the fluctuations in prices, as if they were rooted.

They refuse to move, making it almost impossible for other investors to get to the book, and put their money down. The money and go, all will not do, but this is exactly what they will not do.

If the 50-cent field will do away with this, it will be something very much to be desired, while at the same time it gives the small investor a chance to run a sheeting into a bank roll, and consider himself a genuine sportsman. It is where he belongs and from this standpoint it is a good thing.

The objection made by the members of the Metropolitan Turf Association, that the dollar and two-dollar plays from them takes away the easy, or soft money, and they are left with nothing to handle but the hard, or free money. Without the "picker," or soft-money play, they claim, it is impossible to round out a book, and it is just what particularly disturbs them.

The Washington Jockey Club, in raising the price of admission, is not aiming at the convenience of the patron, but it will aid to the comfort of its patrons and place where they belong a certain class of speculators who, while they have even rights, are not to be considered as the Washington patrons, who, after all, are the real supporters of the track.

Arrivals at Benning.

Wyndham Walden stable, Middleburg, Md. (M. Walden, owner and trainer).

Bliss stable, ch. f., 2-year-old, by Oranmont—Mary M.

Enchance, br. f., 2-year-old, by Gaiety—Edith.

First Chord, b. c., 2-year-old, by Ben Storme—Last Ban.

Juggernaut, ch. c., 2-year-old, by Star Ruby—Toucan.

Red Knight, ch. c., 2-year-old, by Knight of Ellerslie—Belle Daly.

Merry Stork, ch. f., 2-year-old, by the Prior—Merryme.

Nicote, ch. f., 2-year-old; Dulce far Niente, ch. c., 2-year-old; Oblige, ch. f., 4-year-old.

Fred Littlefield, Middleburg, Md., owner and trainer.

Fair Edna, ch. f., 2-year-old, by the Prior—Olive Vic.

Pickle Meric, b. f., 2-year-old, by Mars.

Alma, ch. f., 2-year-old, by Mars.

Mount Hope, br. c., 2-year-old, by Silver Fox—Cherite.

Milltown stable—Charles Healey, trainer.

Terminus, Essene, Playkine.

Garry Butler, owner and trainer.

Ninonia, 2-year-old, and Inklings.

Charles Reynolds, trainer.

Gold Fox, Elton, and Woodchuck.

William French, owner and trainer.

Wunderlich, Beggar Lady, and Florad.

These last three have been racing at New Orleans.

James McLaughlin announces the retirement for good of First Whip and Charentus. The two horses were loaned to Mr. McLaughlin, as they were both grand race horses, and this season looked very promising.

Following are the weights for the Chevy Chase Hunt Annual Steeplechase for Hatters, to be run at Benning March 31: Frederick L. Hildegarde's b. g. Twilight, 6, 155 pounds.

Red Knox's b. g. Royal Stag, 8, 163 pounds.

J. Van Ness Phillips's b. g. Hari Kari, 8, 163 pounds.

Clarence Moore's b. g. Masterpiece, 6, 155 pounds.

James Kerr's b. m. Le Moon, 6, 155 pounds.

Clarence Moore's ch. g. The Hawk, 6, 145 pounds.

A. Snyder's ch. g. Rooster, 6, 145 pounds.

Little Rock Selections.

First race—Brad Law, Horseshoe To-bacco, High Hairs, and Harry.

Second race—Lady Gallantry, Rococo, Eva Russell.

Third race—Oria, Ben Hullum, The Benz, Donouche.

Fourth race—Strode entry, Prowl, Flora Pomena.

Fifth race—Carl Kahler, Choice, Brigadier.

Sixth race—Plead, Chickadee, Aigle M.

HORSES AND THEIR RIDERS.

The spring meeting at Prospect Park, Baltimore, Md., will be held the last week in May.

Schley Pointer, 2:16 1/4, by Star Pointer, will be trained by Vance Nichols.

Crescent will earn about \$24,000 in all fees this season.

Chehalis, 2:04 1/2, will be raced again after a short rest season.

You Bet, 2:11 1/2, the California owned horse, will go through the Grand Circuit this year.

Eben Clark will handle a string at Belmont during the coming season.

D. P. S. Nichols is working his fast pair, Linette and Spot Cash, for the opening of the matinee season. Both horses can step in 2:30.

Silver Street, 2:19 1/2, the daughter of Nelson, 2:40, recently dew, was the winner of eighty-seven heats in 2:30 or better.

William C. Whitney's Fly Endurance, by Right, which has been so seriously ill for the last week, is improving considerably.

A sister to Crescent, 2:04 1/2, and a sister to Nelson, 2:40, recently purchased by Hon. Sterling R. Holt, of Indianapolis, will be bred to Rex American.

George V. Haskins, of Chicago, the promoter of the race track about to be built at Buffalo, has announced that the Buffalo Derby, to be run in June, will have a guarantee value of \$5,000 and the entrance will be free.

The itinerary for Crescent's campaign the coming season is as follows: August 21, Indianapolis; August 28, Dayton, Ohio; September 4, Albany, N. Y.; September 11, Syracuse, N. Y.; September 25, Philadelphia.

Quakers Arrive at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., March 23.—Philadelphia's National League team arrived here this morning by Clyde Line steamer. They leave for Washington, N. C., tomorrow. They will practice there.

The National Association of Amateur Oarsmen has endorsed Titus, the national champion for the Henley regatta, and Secretary Fortmyer has been instructed to inform the Henley authorities as to the sculler's good standing as an amateur. He has been under the Henley rules. The association, in response to an appeal from the Olympian games committee, agreed to give it all possible support at Chicago next year. A committee of five was appointed to define a junior and an intermediate oarsman, so that the question should be beyond cavil in the future.

Count Bond de Castellane is reported to have wagered \$100,000 on the fact that McCoy will defeat either Jeffries or Fitzsimmons in a match can be arranged. Bond met "the Kid" in Nice and got chummy with him.

George Dixon is anxious to go to England and fight the best featherweight there during coronation week. The erstwhile champion featherweight prefers to meet Jack Roberts above all other English "feathers," as he regards him as the best man in his class in England.

The Pyramid Club, of Chicago, has offered a \$500 prize for a bout between Tim Callahan, the Philadelphia feather, who is now in that city, and Tommy Sullivan. Callahan was considering an offer to box Sullivan at Louisville on March 28, but will probably accept the Chicago proposition. He is also matched with Bernstein at Philadelphia for the latter part of this month and meets "Kid" Broad at Denver early in April.

Commerce of the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

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AGRICULTURAL EXPORTATION.

Increase Last Year, of Which Hemp Was the Leading Article—Manufactures and Products of the Mines and Forests Also Increased.

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The total value of merchandise imported during the nine months ended September 30, 1901, was \$21,818,212, as against \$17,187,391 for the corresponding period of 1900, and the exports of merchandise during the nine months ended September 30, 1901, amounted to \$18,366,738, as against \$17,883,299 for the same period of 1900.

These figures show an increase of 27 per cent for the imports and 6 per cent for the exports.

Gold and Silver Imports.

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The value of merchandise coming from the United States for the nine months ended September 30, 1901, was \$2,712,190, as increase of \$1,140,216 over the corresponding period of 1900, while the exports for the period of 1901 amounted to \$2,737,059, an increase of \$627,554.

Comparison by Classes.

In the comparison by classes for these periods the import figures show an increase of nearly \$600,000 in articles of food and animals, this class of merchandise amounting to \$5,831,551 for the nine months of 1901, as against \$5,230,419 for the corresponding period of 1900; manufactured articles during the period of 1901 were imported to the value of \$12,708,719, a gain of about \$4,600,000; raw materials show an approximate increase of \$50,000, or 1.6 per cent; a slight increase is shown in the importation of articles of voluntary use, luxuries, etc.

Agricultural exports for the periods mentioned show an increase over 1900, the exportation during the nine months of 1901 amounting to \$16,138,783, of which \$11,831,247 is credited to hemp, the leading article of export. Manufactures increased from \$1,040,058 in 1900 to \$1,554,974 in 1901, while the products of the mines and forests show a decided increase in favor of the nine months of 1901.

UPPERCUTS AND PUNCHES.

Frank Erac, it is reported, is considering studying dentistry at Northwestern University.

Joe Chynsky and Eddie Carter have signed articles to meet before the American Athletic Club in Chicago tomorrow night.

"Terrible Terry's" brother, Hughey McGovern, has blossomed into a first-class 115-pound mat artist.

Harry Forbes and Tommy Feltz are having a long-distance argument regarding a horse race. Forbes claims his hands are in bad shape.

Dave Sullivan has posted a \$1,000 forfeit for a return fight with McGovern at catch-weights.

Ching-Fong, the Chinese balaam-weight boxer, is out of the hospital, where he has been under treatment since his contest with Hugh McGovern.

Jack Root has been matched to box George Gardiner, the Lowell middleweight. They will meet before the Wash-bash Club, of Chicago, April 9.

At Fort Erie on Monday night it began to look as if a new lightweight champion would be on deck before another sun arose, but Supplies was too anxious and lost an opportunity to meet Frank Erac.

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The value of merchandise coming from the United States for the nine months ended September 30, 1901, was \$2,712,190, as increase of \$1,140,216 over the corresponding period of 1900, while the exports for the period of 1901 amounted to \$2,737,059, an increase of \$627,554.

Comparison by Classes.

In the comparison by classes for these periods the import figures show an increase of nearly \$600,000 in articles of food and animals, this class of merchandise amounting to \$5,831,551 for the nine months of 1901, as against \$5,230,419 for the corresponding period of 1900; manufactured articles during the period of 1901 were imported to the value of \$12,708,719, a gain of about \$4,600,000; raw materials show an approximate increase of \$50,000, or 1.6 per cent; a slight increase is shown in the importation of articles of voluntary use, luxuries, etc.

Agricultural exports for the periods mentioned show an increase over 1900, the exportation during the nine months of 1901 amounting to \$16,138,783, of which \$11,831,247 is credited to hemp, the leading article of export. Manufactures increased from \$1,040,058 in 1900 to \$1,554,974 in 1901, while the products of the mines and forests show a decided increase in favor of the nine months of 1901.

UPPERCUTS AND PUNCHES.

Frank Erac, it is reported, is considering studying dentistry at Northwestern University.

Joe Chynsky and Eddie Carter have signed articles to meet before the American Athletic Club in Chicago tomorrow night.

"Terrible Terry's" brother, Hughey McGovern, has blossomed into a first-class 115-pound mat artist.

Harry Forbes and Tommy Feltz are having a long-distance argument regarding a horse race. Forbes claims his hands are in bad